

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 108

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Catherine Neely of East Ridge High School upon being named the National Federation of State High School Association's 2006 Coach of the Year for volleyball.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is Coach Catherine Neely of East Ridge High School, who has recently been named the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) Coach of the Year for volleyball; she is the third NFHS Coach of the Year from Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a legendary leader, Catherine Neely has coached volleyball at East Ridge for an impressive forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Neely has an unparalleled 1,246 coaching victories, with two state championships and two runner-up finishes; she is also a member of five halls of fame, including the national high school association's; and

WHEREAS, according to those who know her best, not only is Ms. Neely an outstanding volleyball coach, but she has also been an outstanding educator, administrator, and basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Neely has carried out her duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character; she has earned the respect and admiration of her students and players at East Ridge High School and throughout this State; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding career, Catherine Neely has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate her student athletes to reach their fullest potential; she

exemplifies the unquestioned character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and applaud Coach Catherine Neely of East Ridge High School upon being named the National Federation of State High School Association's 2006 Coach of the Year for volleyball and wish her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.